

Please approve the amendment to Figure 3, which makes the corrections identified by the Examiner in the Office Action, as shown in red ink on the attached photocopy thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please rewrite claims 1, 3 and 5 as follows:

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1. (amended) An axle housing assembly comprising:

an axle housing having a differential housing with a body thereof and a pair of axle tubes mounted on said body;

a support means adapted for mounting to a base frame for supporting said axle housing;

a repulsive force receiving member provided on the body of said differential

housing for coupling said differential housing integrally with said support means

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3. (amended) An axle housing assembly according to claim 1, wherein said

support means includes a pair of axle brackets fitted on said pair of axle tubes.

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5. (amended) An axle housing assembly according to claim 4, wherein a thick portion projecting toward said body is formed on the one of said pair of axle brackets,

a repulsive force receiving member being formed on said body,

said repulsive force receiving bolt being caused to pass through said thick

portion and said repulsive force receiving member.

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-- 7. An axle housing assembly comprising:

an axle housing having a differential housing with a body thereof and a pair of axle tubes mounted on said body;

support brackets for supporting said axle housing on a base frame;

a repulsive force receiving member extending generally vertically from the body of said differential housing for coupling said differential housing integrally with at least one of said support brackets; and

a fastener extending through and securing together the repulsive force receiving member and said one support bracket. - -

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-- 8. An axle housing assembly according to claim 7, wherein the fastener is a bolt and the repulsive force receiving member and said one support bracket each have a through hole for receiving the fastener when the holes are aligned. - -

-- 9. An axle housing assembly according to claim 8, further comprising a nut for threadedly engaging with an end portion of said bolt;

said nut being located in an upper portion of said differential housing. - -

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-- 10. An axle housing assembly according to claim 7, wherein the adjacent surfaces of the said one support bracket and said force receiving member are in abutment when fastened. - -